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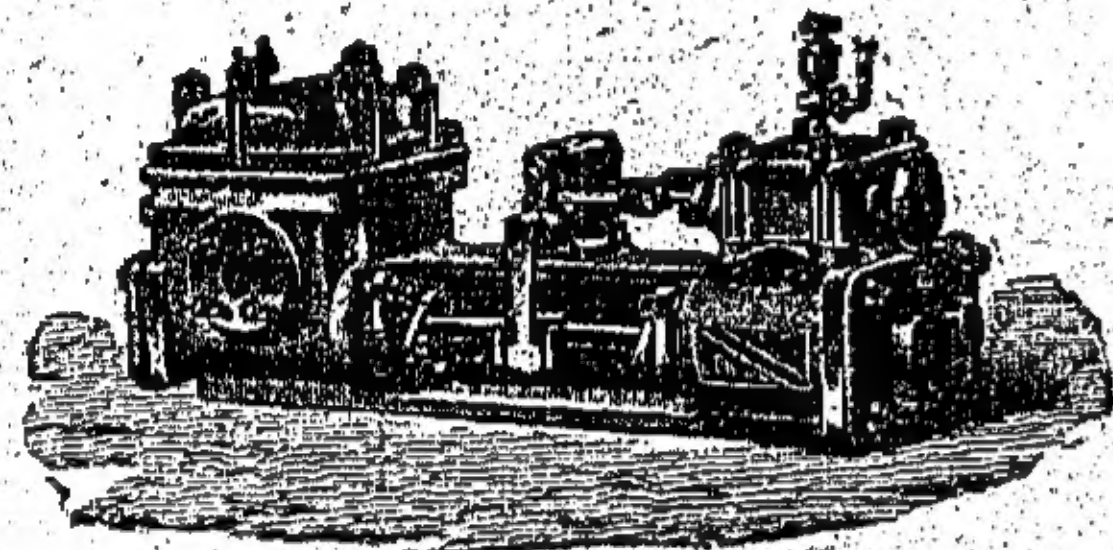
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ELIAS KELLY,
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

9 p.m.—Performance by the Mr. Henry Dallas Musical Comedy Co. in the City Hall.

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 14.
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 116, Queen's Road East, by Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.
2 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain, Bronzes and Embroideries, by Mr. G. T. Lambour.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Persuance Lodge.
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MONDAY, March 18.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at To Hing Fong.

TUESDAY, March 19.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Society's Head Office, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

WEDNESDAY, March 20.
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THURSDAY, March 21.
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DEATH.

On 9th March, at 105 Warrander Park Road, Edinburgh, Captain Robert Lowe, late of the barques *Kate Carnie* and *Oake*; aged 83 years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

German-made Guns.
It is asserted that half the German guns supplied to our troops at Aldershot are disabled through breakages. These statements should be received with reserve.

Sir Ewen Cameron.
Home papers of the 8th February state that Sir Ewen Cameron, London manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who underwent an operation for appendicitis on the previous day, was progressing as favourably as possible, and a good recovery was anticipated.

Theatre Royal.
Last night, 'Florinda' was produced for the fourth time before a crowded house at the Theatre Royal. The piece went with the same swing which characterised the first performance, and gave great pleasure to all who witnessed it. The new famous 'San Toy' is to be staged for the next three nights, Mr. Dallas taking the exceptionally funny part of 'L'.

'Have your Fortune Read.'
Madame Zaria, the famous fortune-teller, continues to attract people of all classes at her rooms in Duddell Street. When in Calcutta, Madame was consulted by the Captain of the steamship *Indomitable*. She told him that he had been gambling, and that he would be a rich man in short time. Shortly afterwards, he won the first and second Derby sweeps amounting to Rs. 150,000. Madame is just a little late for the Hongkong Derby, but it is hardly conceivable that she could have changed the luck a little bit.

The 'City of Rio' Disaster.
Telegrams to Colombo state that there was great confusion among the passengers when the *City of Rio* struck, and that several boats capsized. Presumably the boats were rushed by the Asiatic passengers.

—The *Times of Ceylon* says—Mr W. Brander, one of the few survivors, was recently in Ceylon staying at Peradeniya, and at the Hill Club, Nuwara Eliya, where he played golf. He was a keen golfer and well-known as a first-class player at home. On his tour round the world he specially visited all the golf courses on route, and his friends both here and at home will be glad to hear that he escaped from this catastrophe.

British Troops in China.
It has been stated frequently of late that the British troops in China are to be withdrawn at an early date. It has also been stated that a large fleet of transports is now on its way to Hongkong for the purpose of embarking troops for India. We have failed to obtain any verification of these reports. On the contrary, the prolongation of the negotiations at Peking points to an indefinite stay of the foreign troops in China. A Calcutta telegram, dated February 27, says:—The date of the return of the Indian Contingent from China is still uncertain, and transport arrangements are to be held in abeyance for the present.

Naval Notes.
The *World* publishes the following notes:—

Captain Curzon Howe and Niblett—the former of the *Thetis*, the latter of the *Chimera*—having been detached from the Mediterranean for service in China, have proceeded to join Sir Edward Seymour's command.

Captain Paget has been selected to succeed Captain Callaghan in command of the first-class cruiser *Endymion* on the China station. Captain Callaghan, who has been three and a half years in the Far East, was lately in command of the Naval Brigade in the advance on Peking, and was mentioned so favourably in Sir Edward Seymour's despatches that he was made a C.B. in recognition of his services. It may be presumed, therefore, that on his arrival in England it will not be long before he is again provided for.

Captain Limpus has had his wish gratified. Having made a reputation for himself in South Africa, where he was Commander of the *Teutide* during the earlier stages of the war, he was most anxious to get back again to the station he will have such good reason to remember throughout his service. This has been arranged, and he will take up on March 5 the command of the first-class cruiser *Glory* (3) which is to act as flagship of Rear-Admiral Moore, the new Commander-in-Chief. Nowhere will the announcement of Captain Limpus's selection give more satisfaction than at the Cape, where his name stands high in the estimation of all on account of his professional record. Captain Limpus is absolutely the man for the duty, and Admiral Moore may be considered fortunate in having secured his services, which will be invaluable in view of the difficulties of the situation.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
For the first time in the history of the Navy, the King's maps, heads the Navy List.

King Edward will continue to hold the rank of Hon. Colonel of the Ceylon Volunteers.

Parcels mails for Europe &c., per a.s. Bengal will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 16th inst.

Two deaths from plague were reported in the Colony during the past twenty-four hours.

The *Weekly Despatch* states that the French, Russian, and German prisoners at St. Helena are to be released.

Princess Henry of Battenberg has gone to Cronberg to be with her sister, the Empress Frederick, who is reported to be dying.

The Bristol Hotel at Colombo pays a dividend of 10 per cent. for the past year. The Gallo Face Hotel pays a dividend of 8 per cent.

Mr. Brodick has directed General Buller to cancel the memorandum issued at Aldershot encouraging initiative in subordinate Commanders of Artillery.

As the Colombo authorities have reason to believe the natives are concealing small-pox cases, a lady doctor has been appointed by the Municipality to carry out house-to-house visits.

Yesterday, a Chinese foreman, who was engaged looking after the erection of some buildings at Kennedy town, suddenly dived himself of his clothing and jumped into the Harbour. His body has not been recovered.

The *Hakata Maru*, which arrived this morning from London, has on board the last of the ten first-class torpedo boats built for the Japanese Government by Messrs. Yarrow & Co., of Glasgow. These vessels are 150 ft. long, with a speed of 27 knots.

Sir Arthur Biggs, who for some years had rendered invaluable service in the fulfilment of his duty as Private Secretary to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, will hereafter hold a similar position in the service of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York.

Good Templars.
At a meeting of the 'Red Dragon' Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars held last night a very enjoyable evening was spent as a social one to their comrades who are going north. The British and American Navies were both well represented at the meeting.

Death of Capt. R. Lowe.
Old residents will regret to hear of the death of Captain Robert Lowe, who was well-known in Hongkong and the coast ports of China and Japan for some decades, when he was master of the barques *Kate Carnie* and *Oake*. It is now about fifteen years since Captain Lowe retired to his native country, and he died on the 9th inst. at his residence in Edinburgh.

A Dishonest Fusilier.
At the Magistrate's to-day, Private Kirby, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, got four months' imprisonment with hard labour, for robbing an old South Australian miner named Forbes of fifty sovereigns. It seems that Forbes arrived from Australia the other day. He got the worse for drink, and Kirby, taking advantage of the old man's condition, dogged him about from one place to another till he found a suitable opportunity to relieve him of his gold. Sergeant Marston arrested Kirby, and over thirty of the sovereigns were recovered.

Russian Reception at Bangkok.
Mr. and Mrs. Olarovsky gave a reception at the Russian Legation on the 25th February (says the *Bangkok Times*) to meet the officers of the Russian cruiser *Razbuzhnik*. Despite the fact that a number of Britishers had stayed away on the ground that the period of national mourning is not yet ended, the invitations were very generally accepted, and the gathering was a large and brilliant one. The Russian Minister and Mrs. Olarovsky, assisted by Mr. Boloff, received the guests, introduced them severally to the Commander and officers of the cruiser, and were untiring in their efforts to promote the enjoyment of all. The house and grounds were prettily illuminated, and the recent additions to the Legation buildings supplied an admirable ballroom. The dances were supplied by a band on the lawn, and was all it should be. On the lawn there were also a refreshment tent, lounges, sitting-out spots, cigars, and all things necessary for the enjoyment of those who wished to leave the ballroom. Several Royalties were present, and there was a brave show of uniforms and pretty dresses. A *recherche* supper was served.

AN HONEST MEDICINE FOR LA GRIPPE.

GEORGE W. Waid, of South Gardner, Me.: 'I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one bottle of it and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine.' For sale by All Dealers, WATKINS & CO., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Auction.
We are asked to call attention to the fact that the public auction of Mr. J. Coyle's furniture takes place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 16th inst., instead of as previously advertised.

The German Census.
Germany has a vitality which France does not possess. This has been again disclosed by the Census returns for 1900 just completed in Germany. Both countries have a quinquennial census, and while the population of France is nearly stationary owing to the low birth rate, Germany shows an average increase in each period for the past twenty years of three millions. If we take a safe figure for this year's census in the United Kingdom, and other fair estimates, we arrive (says a contemporary) at the following approximate totals as the population at the present moment of the principal countries of Europe:—

	Inhabitants.
British Isles	41,000,000
Russia in Europe	115,000,000
Germany	66,245,014
Austria & Hungary	43,600,000
France	38,800,000
Italy	31,000,000
Spain	18,000,000
The United States of America, if included in the above list, would now stand a good second.	

Departure of the Fusiliers.
This afternoon, about four o'clock, the s.s. *Chinghi* (Transport No. 106) steamed slowly away from Douglas Wharf with 450 officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers on board. The men are going up to Peking to relieve the Australian Contingent as permanent guard for the British Legation. They left the Colony in good spirits, and got a good send-off. They embarked at 2 o'clock, having previously got all their baggage on board. His Excellency Major-General Gascoigne, accompanied by Colonel O'Gorman and Captain the Hon. Trefusis, paid a visit to the transport, and inspected the quarters. The file and brass bands of the battalion were both in attendance, and played lively airs during the embarkation. As the ship hauled off, rousing cheers were given by the large crowd that had assembled, and these were lustily responded to by the men on board. The *Chinghi* will lie out in the Harbour till to-morrow morning. It is understood that another draft of about 200 men are to arrive shortly from home in order to maintain the strength of the Hongkong detachment and relieve time-expired men.

International Football.
A London telegram, dated February 24, states:—Scotland has beaten Ireland in the Association match by eleven goals to nil. Scotland has beaten Ireland in the Rugby match by nine points to five. It would appear that Scotland is to make a bold try for both international football championships this season. In former years, it was the custom to select different teams to represent Scotland in the Association games against England, Wales and Ireland. This year, however, it was decided to select one team, and to try it against Ireland and Wales successively, then to strengthen weak points in the match against England. The effect of this policy is seen in the heavy defeat of Ireland, which has lost 17 times to Scotland and drawn only one game. In the Rugby game, innovation has been the watchword of the selectors of the Scottish national team. Hitherto, players have too often secured places on the strength of past performances. This season, Scotland happens to be strong in young players; and the selectors dropped most of the old 'caps.' This confidence in the youngsters was not misplaced. They have beaten Wales and Ireland, who, in turn, have already defeated England, so that the hardy northerners should win the Calcutta Cup this year. (Objected has been taken to Foll (a New Zealand) playing in the Scottish three-quarter line, but doubtless he plays on the Edinburgh University residence. We have never heard objections to Sammy Woods playing for England, although he is an Australian. The record of games between Scotland and Ireland is—Scotland, 18 wins; Ireland, 5 wins; drawn, 3.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP—SILVER MEDAL FOR MARCH.
The following were the scores handed in for the above competition:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.	
Mr C. M. G. Borne	83 4 79
Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart	96 16 80
Mr C. Palmer	90 19 81
Mr H. W. Robertson	93 10 83
Mr E. F. Mackay	93 8 85
Mr E. J. Grist	93 8 85
Lieut. S. V. Farie, R.N.	98 12 86
(15 entries).	

POOL.

Mr A. J. M. Grieve, R.N.	81 2 79
Mr C. M. G. Borne	83 4 79
Lieut. S. V. Farie, R.N.	93 12 81
Lieut. J. A. Morison, R.N.	86 14 82
Mr E. J. Grist	93 8 85

This completes the series of monthly competitions for the cup, and the winners, of whom nine are at present in the colony, will have to play off as early a date as possible to secure final possession of Mr. Ram's handsome presentation.

BUSINESS. 'How's that suburban cemetery scheme of yours doing?' 'Hustler.' 'Fine, class.' 'All I want now is to get a few live men in it.'

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS.

Peace Negotiations at Pretoria.
[BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH DER OCEANISCHE LLOYD.]

BRUSSELS, March 14.
De Wet is going to Pretoria to participate in the peace negotiations now in progress there with Lord Kitchener. An early settlement is expected.

LEGATION ARRANGEMENTS IN PEKING.

PEKING, March 14.
The German Legation has purchased the Peking Club property adjoining the Legation compound, and has also entered into an arrangement with Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Chinese Customs, for an exchange of Customs property required for the future German Legation.

FRICTION WITH RUSSIANS.

Mr Kinder reports friction with the Russians over the building of side tracks for the Shanhaiwan Railway. British troops are now guarding Mr Kinder's work.

CHINA AND THE POWERS.

Sir Robert Hart Protests.
London, Feb. 25.—Sir Robert Hart has strongly protested to the Ministers at Peking against the proposed appropriation of the Customs buildings by some of the Legations, and particularly the Italian.

February 28.—Three Italian warships are surveying Nimrod Sound near Chekiang, and the crews have built barracks and a hospital on the southern shore.

March 1.—The transfer of the Shanhaiwan Railway has been completed. The stories current of the Russians looting the plant of the line are exaggerated.

It is officially denied that Italy is seeking territory in Nimrod Sound.

Lord Curzon, in the House of Commons, said Sir Robert Hart had expressed surprise, but had not opposed the proposed appropriation of the Chinese Customs in connection with the defence of the Legations. Government, he said, was in communication with Sir Ernest Satow regarding the same.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE PLAGUE AT CAPE TOWN.

LONDON, 12th March.
The plague is seriously developing at Cape Town. The Malays are rising against preventive measures, but the Malay priests are supporting the authorities.

THE SUGAR TRADE.

The Liverpool refiners are importing thousands of tons of sugar from the Continent in anticipation of a duty on sugar of 25 per ton.

THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

The Navy estimates show an increase of £2,000,000, which provides for 3,745 more men, three new battleships, eight cruisers, fifteen torpedo-boat-destroyers and five Holland submarines. The question of the use of the latter is being carefully studied. The estimates provide for new armaments to retain 48 Cruisers, P. & O. and other liners as fast cruisers.

HOIHOW.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
The trade of the port is now beginning to open up after the Chinese holidays. There has been some petty thieving, but on the whole the island is reported to be more free from thieves and pirates than usual.

We have no plague in Hoihow, though the disease is reported to be claiming many victims in the Lam-loo district, about fifty miles from here. Rumour says that 18,000 have died from plague there during the last two months.

The amount of opium imported here through the Imperial Customs is less than usual. Rumour says that Kwang-chau is importing opium in large quantities, and that it enters there free of duty. Can it be that Hainan gets its opium by junk from there? It is certain that there is no less opium used here this year than there was last year.

NEWCHWANG.

Unsatisfactory Business Conditions.
Messrs. Randell and Co. write as follows on the 26th February:—

With the approach of Spring we resume our monthly advice.

The tea thinner than usual, and Chinese think it will break about 10th March, and navigation be resumed about 25th inst.

Imports are generally in short stock, and first arrivals, if not too large a scale, will probably meet with ready sale.

Stocks amount to about 500,000 piculs. Beans, 70,000 piculs; Beans, 50,000 piculs; Bean Oil. Prices are:—

Beans, per 3 piculs Ts. 5.90 to Ts. 6
Beans, per 10 piculs „ 7
Bean Oil, „ 3 piculs „ 6

Business is in a very unsatisfactory condition, owing to the uncertainty of the future. There is, however, plenty of produce in country, and if the concept of the Powers is maintained, this should come down by boat towards the end of April, and cause a good demand for tonnage.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, there being present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).
Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. W. MICHON GOODMAN, C.M.G. (Attorney General).
Hon. C. M. LEE, C.M.G. (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. F. B. MAY, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police).
Hon. BASIL TAYLOR (Acting Harbour Master).
Hon. O. P. CHATER, C.M.G.
Hon. J. J. KENNEDY.
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.
Hon. J. J. TAYLOR.
Hon. R. M. GRAY.
Hon. Wei A. YUK.
Mr. R. F. JOHNSON (Acting Clerk of Council).

CAPE D'AGUILAR LIGHT.
Mr Stewart Lockhart laid on the table certain correspondence (in proof form) with regard to the removal of the Cape D'Aguiar Light in Green Island.

His Excellency said the next business was with regard to a Sanitary By-law under subsection 4 of section 23 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1897, made by the Sanitary Board. The matter was before them at last meeting when the Director of Public Works proposed that it be passed. This had not yet been seconded.

Mr Stewart Lockhart said he understood some of the honorable members had objections to the by-law, but he seconded the resolution in order that the matter might be discussed.

Dr. Ho Kai said this sanitary by-law was made by the Sanitary Board for the purpose of compelling the villagers of Quarry Bay, Shaubaiwan, Stanley, Aberdeen and Apichau to clean and wash their houses to the satisfaction of the Board not less than twice every year. He opposed this, because he believed it was unnecessary and troublesome both to the Government and to the poor villagers. The by-law was passed by the Sanitary Board by the small majority of one, and the minority included the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Acting Principal Medical Officer. He thought they might have made a by-law to clean the houses for the villagers, if it were necessary, instead of compelling the people to do it themselves. He moved that the by-law be rejected.

Mr J. Thurston seconded. He did not think it would be of benefit in case of plague, and in the case of those small villages, it was quite an unnecessary measure.

Mr Wei Kai concurred, and hoped that, before the by-law went any further, the unofficial members would give it very serious consideration.

On the Council dividing, the by-law was unanimously rejected.

DISCIPLINE.
Mr Goodman moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the better enforcement of discipline among the subordinate staff in the Civil and Naval Departments.

Mr Stewart Lockhart seconded.

Carried.

The Bill then passed through the Committee stage, was read a third time and passed into law.

NATURALIZATION.
Mr Goodman moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal all Ordinances for the Naturalization of Persons as British Subjects within this Colony and to make provision for the Preservation of the Rights of such Persons.

Mr Stewart Lockhart seconded.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH.
Mr Goodman moved that they sit in Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Public Health in the Colony of Hongkong. He said the Bill was read a first time on the 8th January. It was referred, after being published in the Gazette, to the Law Committee. Several amendments had been made, and the standing Law Committee unanimously recommended that the Bill be passed in the form it was now in.

Mr Stewart Lockhart seconded, and after the Committee stage, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

His Excellency expressed the thanks of the Council to the Attorney General for the time and trouble he had given to this Bill.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

WEATHER REPORT.

